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China and Japan will begin full-scale negotiations in Peking on a bilateral fishing pact in mid-May, according to a Japanese press report. The announcement was made in Peking on April 23 by the head of the visiting Japanese Government fishery delegation.

The proposed fishery pact would be the third official agreement between the two countries since relations were normalized in September 1972. The recently negotiated civil aviation agreement has yet to be approved by the Japanese Diet; a trade pact was signed earlier.

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